

## EAST CARROLL



## **PARISH**

"...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community."

— Institute of Medicine. 1996. Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health. National Academy Press. p. 12



### East Carroll Parish

#### History<sup>1</sup>

The northeasternmost parish, bordering the Mississippi River, is East Carroll. The Carroll parishes, East and West, were formed in 1877 by division of the original Carroll (named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, famous singer of the Declaration of Independence) established in 1832. East Carroll was officially organized on May 11, 1877. The area was thickly settled by English, Scotch, and Irish pioneers from the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee.

#### Culture and Recreation<sup>3</sup>

The major recreational resources available for residents and visitors to East Carroll Parish are hunting, fishing, and parks. Poverty Point borders the parish, offering camping and picnicking facilities. The Tensas Basin Park located at the Basin of the Tensas River offers boating and other recreational activities. Each June, East Carroll Parish hosts the Louisiana Soul Food and Heritage Festival. This festival offers the visitor an intimate look at the rural base for Louisiana. Music, authentic soul food, and storytellers telling the tales of the old ways are just some of the treats in store at this special celebration.

Parish Seat<sup>1</sup> Lake Providence<sup>1</sup> Major Cities (over 5,000 population)<sup>2</sup> Lake Providence 1997 (estimate) 5.379 Parish Population<sup>2</sup> Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)<sup>6</sup> 

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Geography and Statistics <sup>2</sup>	
Average elevation	106 ft.
Land area in square miles	
Water area in square miles <sup>4</sup>	
Climate <sup>2</sup>	
Average temperatures	
Annual	65°
January	45°
July	83°
Annual average rainfall	65.7 in.
Labor Force (1995) <sup>1</sup>	
Civilian	3,420
Employed	2,860
Unemployed	560
Unemployment	

#### Agriculture1

Forestry

#### Colleges/Universities<sup>2</sup>

(within one hour commute)

None

#### Public Libraries<sup>5</sup>......1

#### References

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Educational Attainment (1990) <sup>7</sup>		
Less than 5th grade	8.9%	
High school graduate or higher	49.1%	
Some college or higher	24.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.3%	

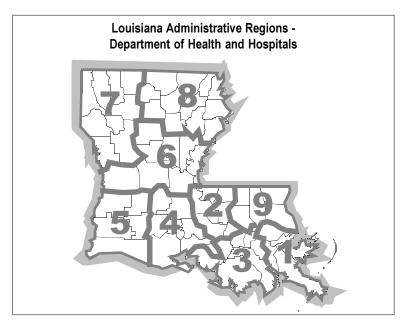
#### Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees<sup>2</sup>

Private Employers		
Cypress Manor Care Center (Elderly care)	85	
Terral-Norris Seed Company, Inc. (Soybean Seed Bean) 40		
Jong's Super Valu (Groceries)	35	
Public Employers		
East Carroll Parish School Board (Education)	284	
East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office (Government)	85	
East Carroll Parish Hospital (Medical)	35	

Poverty and Income		
Persons in poverty (1995) <sup>7</sup>	48.6%	
Children under age 18 in poverty <sup>7</sup>	62.0%	
Per capita income (1996) <sup>8</sup>	\$13,953	



8 U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. 1999. keywords: economics and statistical administration. http://www.doc.gov.



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